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SUBJ: SYRIA GIVES SUPPORT TO TUNISIAN WORKERS

1. SYRIAN PRESS JANUARY 31 REPORTED THE COMMENTS OF
BAATH PARTY REGIONAL COMMAND MEMBER MAHMOUD HADID SUPPORTING
THE TUNISIAN WORKERS. HADID, WHO HEADS THE GENERAL CONFEDERA-
TION OF LABOR UNIONS, UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN TRIPOLI FOR A MEETING
OF ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATIONS STATED THAT "THE TUNISIAN WORKERS
MUST OBTAIN THEIR DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM AND EXERCISE IT EFFECTIVELY."
HE SAID THAT THE TUNISIAN LABORERS WERE STRUGGLING FOR THEIR
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS, AND ARAB LABORERS MUST EXTEND A
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HELPING HAND TO THEM. IN HIS REMARKS HE INDICATED THAT HE
WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE LIBYAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

2. ON FEBRUARY 1, A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 80 TUNISIANS UNDER
POLICE ESCORT MARCHED PAST THE US EMBASSY CHANTING: "OH BOURGIBA,
OH TRAITOR, YOU'VE SOLD TUNISIA FOR THE DOLLAR." DOMONSTRA-
TION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ORCHESTRATED BY THE SYRIAN

AUTHORITIES.

3. COMMENT: BOURGIBA HAS NEVER BEEN A FAVORITE OF THE
BAATH.
PELLETREA

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